

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. Claim 1 is amended and claims 3 and 6 are withdrawn from consideration. The amendments are supported by the specification and the claims as originally filed. In particular, the amendment to claim 1 is supported by the specification at page 34, line 21 to page 35, line 11. No new matter is added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of present claims 1-10.

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 since this Amendment: (a) places the application in condition for allowance for reasons discussed herein; (b) does not raise any new issue regarding further search and/or consideration since the Amendment amplifies issues previously discussed throughout prosecution; (c) does not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally-rejected claims and (d) places the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The Amendment is necessary because it is made in reply to arguments raised in the rejection. Entry of the Amendment is thus respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2, 4-5 and 7-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schroeder et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,820,957) in view of Nishizawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,268,704), and further in view of Miyashita et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,759,643). This rejection is traversed.

Independent claim 1 requires "[a]n adhesive film for a display, comprising: a transparent substrate, an anti-reflection layer provided on one surface of said transparent substrate, and an adhesive layer provided on the other surface of said transparent substrate, said anti-reflection layer being formed by resin in which low

refractive index material disperses therein, said anti-reflection layer and said adhesive layer each having a predetermined color for rendering said adhesive film achromatic when said predetermined color of said anti-reflection layer is mixed with said predetermined color of said adhesive layer, and said predetermined color of said adhesive layer being colored by a colorant comprising carbon black.” Thus, the anti-reflection layer and the adhesive layer in the adhesive film for a display according to the presently claimed invention are colored in order to render the adhesive film achromatic when the predetermined color of the anti-reflection layer is mixed with the predetermined color of the adhesive layer. In particular, the adhesive layer is colored by a colorant comprising carbon black (claim 1).

Additionally, the adhesive film for a display according to the presently claimed invention has an effect in which black contrast and color reproduction are superior, as the total color of the adhesive film is rendered achromatic and carbon black is comprised in the adhesive layer. Specifically, Examples 1 and 2 in the specification disclose a colored adhesive layer comprising carbon black having an improved image contrast between white and black (Specification, Examples 1 and 2 and Table 1).

In contrast, Applicant respectfully submits that Schroeder et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,820,957), Nishizawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,268,704) and Miyashita et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,759,643) do not teach or suggest “said predetermined color of said adhesive layer being colored by a colorant comprising carbon black,” as required by claim 1, much less the effects obtained by the presently claimed invention.

As such, Applicant submits that claim 1 is patentable as none of the cited references teach or suggest all of the requirements of present claim 1. Further,

Applicant submits that dependent claims 2, 4-5 and 7-10 are patentable for at least the same reasons. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-2, 4-5 and 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below to schedule a personal or telephone interview to discuss any remaining issues.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicant petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment for any additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing attorney docket number 10821-00016.

Respectfully submitted,


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